

Adult Foster Care Home Opens *continued from front page*

passed. "Vicki found out that she has a flair for this type of work and enjoys working with older people," he says. "We decided this could be a great business and we could help the people in the community at the same time."

According to the Perrys, there are no other facilities providing adult foster care services in the Vernonia area and only four registered in all of Columbia County. "It can take some hardship off the family and mean less travel," says Lonnie.

The Perry's say they will provide a home like setting that includes a lot of daily interaction. "We'll have activities for them, says Vicki. "I'll take them to the grocery store when I go shopping, if they want to go, and let them do what they are able to do on their own."

The facility has one private room and one double shared room; both rooms have new carpeting and a television with cable, and the home has internet service. Residents will be encouraged to decorate their own rooms. Each resident will have an intercom system connected to the Perry's bedroom. There is a large common living room and dining area with new laminate flooring, a front deck that overlooks a



sweeping front yard, flower pots and gardens where residents will be encouraged to putter, and a park like backyard that overlooks Rock Creek, with chairs and a fire pit. The creek front portion of the back yard is completely fenced and the facility is completely disabled accessible. Lonnie has a generator to provide backup power and a pellet stove to provide heat in an emergency.

The Perry's say their seven year old granddaughter, Bridget often comes to visit, which will keep residents young at heart, and friendly dog Sophie warms right up to any visitor that pays attention to her.

Vicki will be the main care provider, with her daughter Tiffani and Lonnie providing relief care.

Each resident will have an individual care plan, developed over time once they move in based on their own abilities and needs. Families will be encouraged to visit their loved ones at any time.

The potential need for an adult day care or respite service is an added benefit the Perry's are interested in exploring. "If someone has a person they are caring for and needs someone to watch them for a few hours while they go to an appointment, they can drop them off here," explains Lonnie. If a caregiver needs a break, the Perry's can provide respite care if they have space available. "It will all depend on the needs of the community," says Vicki.

The Perry's say they have taken all the required classes and received all the needed certifications and have received their license from the state and invite



anyone interested in their services to contact them and visit their home for a tour.

"We're excited to be open and are looking forward to helping people," says Vicki.

You can contact Vick and Lonnie Perry at Vernonia's Creekside Adult Foster Care, LLC at 503-429-3040 or vcp345@frontier.com.

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